

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmermann
Capital Journal Sports Editor

Ben Claggett, Yeater's coach in the class "B" division of the junior baseball league, will be able to form a circuit of his own if he gets hold of two or three more players. He claimed during Wednesday evening's session that he had almost 30 youngsters, not very many of whom would weigh much more than a sack of flour. Ben had a lot to say in the matter of a run-around other managers were trying to give him in connection with next Sunday's games. "They say their boys will be in scout camp Sunday," Ben exploded. "Well a lot of mine have been there for quite a spell. Let the managers come up and take their medicine." Ben became pacified when President Oliver Huston ruled that the games were to be played as originally scheduled.

Incidentally it was Coach Claggett who was largely responsible for the construction of a diamond on the lower level out at Leslie. Ben swore he would take his kids into West Salem if something wasn't done. The new diamond is an improvement but the outfield is pretty rough. But Salem isn't alone in its possession of unpopular baseball lots. The AP carried a yarn out of Newport, Vt., concerning a ball game between two games played at East Hardwick.

"A hit ball which would look like an easy out would hit a bump and bounce over the player's head, far out of quick retrieving," the story read. "Even catchers had to run over a knoll after foul balls. The fence which surrounded the pasture was another bad feature. Ball hit through the fence would go for a home run, when even on any good pasture would have gone for a double. Some of our Vermont ball players know how to hurdle the barbed wire enclosures, and in most cases of this nature a hit over the fence doesn't go for a homer unless you can make it. There were five pitchers, who had their troubles, too. They couldn't see the plate. The cows hadn't got around to do any grazing in that particular spot."

Henry Singer, champion softball pitcher during the years that sport was Salem's No. 1 athletic entertainment, is wearing the bars of a captain. His advancement from the rank of a first lieutenant was made in recent weeks and information to this effect was received by his battery mate, Lu, who still operates at the old stand on North Commercial street. Captain Hank was stationed in Corsica when last reported. He was stationed at Fort Stevens for a period and then was given a chance to enter officers training on the east coast where he studied signal corps work. Hank was with the first party that landed in northern Africa and has been in the Mediterranean theater of war ever since.

To remove sticky buns or cinnamon rolls from the baking pan when they have cooled, set the pan for about a minute over low heat to soften the sticky part.



Jack Cuddy, New York prep school hurler, signed by the Boston Red Sox for \$15,000. Callahan is pitching for the Louisville Colonials in the American Association.

Nova Takes Up Tap Dancing

By Jack Cuddy

New York, July 21 (AP)—Lou Nova has changed. The former heavyweight challenger no longer goes in for eccentricities like cosmic punches and dynamic stances. He has become a realist. He is taking a correspondence course in tap dancing to prevent his feet from overlapping at crucial moments.

Nova was at the alleged Williams-Kogon fight last night, visiting our merry metropolis in between bouts of a lucrative tour. Nova, the big, tawny-haired guy who possesses the body beautiful, said he believed that Dan Parker of the New York Daily Mirror had solved the secret of his failure against Joe Louis in 1941—when Nova was belted out in the sixth round. California Lou explained, "Dan Parker discovered that I was stepping upon my own feet during the maneuvers that I executed with the cosmic punch. I have had motion pictures taken of my footwork in later training sessions, and I found that Parker was right. My right foot always knew what my left was doing because it was superimposed a just the wrong time. So now I'm taking a correspondence course in tap-dancing."

Record Field of Golfers Entered

Salt Lake City, July 21 (AP)—A record field of 117 golfers headed by Harold (Jug) McSpaden and Byron Nelson, the barnstorming duet, turned out today for the \$2,500 Utah open on the 6,575-yard par-72 Fort Douglas course.

Others here for the tourney include Toney Penna, Leonard Dodson of Kansas City, George Von Elm of Los Angeles, Sid Harman of Walla Walla, Wash., Leonard Olt of Denver and Phil Newmeyer.

McSpaden was made the favorite on the basis of two practice rounds of 66, one over the course record.

He teamed yesterday with Brick Wood of Salt Lake City for a best-ball score of 63 in a pro-amateur meet.

Sweepstakes Play At Salem Corse

An 18-hole sweepstakes tournament will be the piece de resistance of the Salem Golf club course Saturday and Sunday, according to announcement of

McGinnis Field May be Used

Silverton—Since the acquiring of McGinnis Field by the city of Silverton an athletic commission has been named for official management. Officers named at a meeting during the week include George Manolis, chairman; Charles Hoyt, vice chairman; Harry McCrea, Silverton city manager, secretary-treasurer, and Guy W. DeLay, clerk.

Among the questions discussed were the possibilities of having Sunday or twilight games by contacting Salem Junior teams. The commission decided to put the field in shape and organize a local team with Manolis and Hoyt the committee on field improvement and L. G. McDonald and DeLay the committee on team.

The Silverton Lions club were given the privilege of sponsoring a team, locally at the Wednesday night meeting when the commission committee visited them and requested their cooperation. The club talked favorably of the project.

Boys of high school age are urged to sign up with Manolis at his place of business or with any member of the commission if they wish to become members of a team for Sunday or twilight games.

To make active use of the field considerable work will be needed on the grounds which the committee plans to undertake immediately.

Bundy May Wear National Crown

Los Angeles, July 21 (AP)—Dorothy May Bundy, current giant-killer of the eastern summer tennis circuit, may be wearing the national women's net crown when she returns home to receive the Helms athlete-of-the-month award next fall.

During the month of June, the chunky, Santa Monica, star set the tennis world agog with a smashing 7-5, 6-4 win over Pauline Betz in the finals of Cincinnati's annual tri-state tourney.

Miss Bundy came up the hard way. In 1936, the 27-year-old Californian was near the bottom of the national list in the No. 8 spot, but by 1938 she'd risen to No. 3, behind Queen Alice Marble.

Today she's still in No. 3 but willing to prove to anyone that she'll be the one to beat when the national finals roll around at Forest Lawn this September.

Bill Goodwin who is charged with the duty of arranging special events for the club swimmers. Three quarter handicaps will be permitted and re-entry is permitted.

Rex Kimmell led a field of 31 through nine holes against par Thursday evening. Carrying a 12 handicap Kimmell finished three up on par. Lloyd Davenport, John Emlen and Bud Thrush were tied for second place, each one stroke behind the winner.

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Army Football Teams to Show Improvement; Navy Doubtful

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.
New York, July 21 (AP)—The big feature of the 1944 football season may be the rise of army teams and the decline of those navy powerhouses that have ruled the roost for the past couple of years. . . . The colleges won't

March Field, Calif. . . . The March Field team has special permission to recruit players from all regions for its game with the Redskins. . . . Other teams that may have considerable strength are the Lincoln, Neb., and Spokane, Wash., air bases, Keessler Field, Miss., and Fort Warren, Wyo.

Williams, Kogon Scrap Poor One

New York, July 21 (AP)—Probably the worst main event in Madison Square Garden's history was inflicted upon a very small portion of the public last night when Young Ike Williams shadow-boxed to a 10-round decision over Julie (The Clutch) Kogon before 6,543 fans.

Williams, 20-year-old Negro, lightweight of Trenton, N. J., came into effective contact only once with his fleeing, clutching opponent from New Haven, Conn., that was in the 10th round when he floored Kohon for the first time in more than nine professional bouts.

Williams, winning his 43rd bout in his last 44, scaled 134½ pounds, three pounds more than Kogon.

Spitter Causes Baseball Row

(By the Associated Press)
Shades of 1920 descended on the current American league pennant race today as the old "spit ball" argument was dragged into the first place struggle between the St. Louis Browns and the New York Yankees.

Claiming that Pitcher Nelson Potter had been tossing "spitters," Umpire Carl Hubbard gave the Brownie starter the heave-ho in the fifth inning of a 0-0 ball game last night after a prolonged argument with Manager Luke Sewell that brought a shower of pop bottles and hats.

Since 1920 all such freak deliveries have been banned except for a list of registered spitballs. Burleigh Grimes, who retired from the big show in 1934, was the last man on the list.

Two ex-Yankee farmhands made the St. Louis fans forget the "spitter" incident by smashing home runs in a 5-run seventh inning rally that gave the Browns a 7-3 victory and upped their lead to three full games. Mike Chartak, who played most of the towns in the Yank circuit, clouted his as a pinch-hitter with two on and Lefty McQuinn, who was New York property in the minors for seven years, hit the other with one on, dooming Hank Borowy. Relief man Denny (part-time) Galehouse was credited with his first win of the season.

While the Browns were stretching their lead, the Cardinals moved two more steps toward an early September clincher by downing the New York Giants twice, 10-2 and 6-2 in 11 innings. Mort Cooper had no trouble in grabbing the opener over Rookie Jack Brewer but Teddy Wilks had to have a four-run eleventh inning to decision Rube Fischer by the double victory. St. Louis moved 13 games ahead of Cincinnati, their largest margin of the year.

Today's Guest Star
Marine Sgt. Charles Kopp, Camp Lejeune (N.C.) Globe: "Frank Sinkwich, discharged from the marine corps and maritime service for physical reasons, now has been turned down by the army. The famous University of Georgia football graduate has pigeon-toes, flat feet (with mercurial heels) high blood pressure and a heart murmur. The real explanation seems to be that this Yankee played his heart out for Georgia."

Shorts and Shells
Claude (Rosebud) Crocker, University of North Carolina pitcher recently signed by the Dodgers, took up baseball two years ago to keep in shape for playing on a class B high school football team. . . . Basketball is the No. 1 sport with Chinese soldiers, who even put up baskets and backboards in jungle clearings. They average only five-foot-five but have remarkable endurance.

The Standings

Pac. Coast W. L. Pct.
Oakland 35 48 .418 Portland 31 51 .380
L. Angeles 35 49 .329 San Diego 31 55 .361
San Fran. 33 51 .316 Hollywood 30 54 .354
Seattle 32 51 .310 Sacramento 37 56 .398

Thursday's Results
Sacramento 6, Oakland 5 (10 innings).
San Diego 14, Los Angeles 2.
Seattle 6, San Francisco 5.
Hollywood 8, Portland 0.

American W. L. Pct.
St. Louis 30 38 .588 Detroit 42 44 .482
New York 43 38 .531 Washington 35 47 .427
Boston 45 41 .519 Chicago 37 43 .463
Cleveland 43 44 .494 Philadelphia 37 48 .433

Thursday's Results
Cleveland 2, Philadelphia 1.
Detroit 7, Washington 6.
Boston 11, Chicago 7.
St. Louis 7, New York 3.

National W. L. Pct.
St. Louis 37 39 .488 Philadelphia 36 44 .450
Cincinnati 45 37 .549 Brooklyn 35 47 .427
Pittsburgh 43 36 .543 Boston 35 47 .425
New York 40 43 .483 Chicago 32 45 .416

Thursday's Results
St. Louis 10-6, New York 2-2.
Cincinnati 3-5, Chicago 4-4.
Pittsburgh 4-2, Philadelphia 1-3.
Cincinnati 6, Brooklyn 0.

Seattle climbed back into a tie for third place in the Pacific coast baseball league scramble last night—the only upper division nine to post a win in the evening's festivities. The Rainiers blew a 5-1 lead and then rallied to eke out a 6-5 triumph in the last of the ninth over San Francisco. Hollywood, behind the five-hit pitching of Joe Mishasek, pounded out 14 baseknocks off the offerings of Portland's Roy Helsner to win, 8-0.

Cellar-dwelling Sacramento tightened the already taut loop with a 6-5 10-inning win over league-leading Oakland and San Diego trounced second-place Los Angeles, 14-3.

San Francisco 100 050 010-5 10 1
Seattle 310 150 001-4 10 3
Portland 100 000 000-0 5 2
Hollywood 000 100 223-8 14 3
Mishasek and Hill: Helsner and Campbell.
Sacramento 200 002 001-1-11 3
Oakland 001 000 301 0-5 9 1
Los Angeles 101 020 260-14 17 1
San Diego 100 000 003-3 7 4
Deno and Bakkeid: Osborn, Philp (7), Stein (8), Rager (8) and Fernandez.

Woodburn and Milwaukie Meet

Woodburn—The first games of a series to determine whether Woodburn's or Milwaukie's American Legion junior baseball club will take part in the state tournament, are to be played here Sunday afternoon. Two seven inning games will be played, starting at 2:30. If one or the other wins both there will be no further need for competition. An umpire from the Portland association will work the contests.

Original plans called for a series involving Woodburn, Milwaukie and McMinnville, but when Coach Pete DeGuire sought to arrange a game with the latter community, he was informed that their team had disbanded.

Milwaukie is the only team played by Woodburn this season to give the locals a close contest. Coach Pete DeGuire's boys won over Milwaukie by a two run margin with the latter using their second string pitcher much of the time.

The state tournament is to be held at the Vaughn street park in Portland August 4, 5 and 6 on a double elimination basis.

Front Row Seat To Cost \$75,000

New York, July 21 (AP)—It will cost \$75,000 for a front-row seat at the fourth fight between Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery in a little over a year. The war loan sports committee, sponsoring the bout in Macdon Square Garden, next month, has established a price scale ranging from a \$25 war bond, selling for \$18.75, for the gallery and other low-priced seats up to a \$10,000 bond, which actually cost \$75,000, for the 80 seats in the first row at the ringside. It is hoped to realize \$50,000,000 in bond sale from the bout.

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"Too bad there isn't a law or somethin' to be sure their wishes are carried out, Judge."

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